

**A Proclamation submitted by
Legislator Miller-Williams and Dixon**

**RE: Celebrating Global Concepts Charter School's Ruben-Santiago Hudson
Fine Arts Center**

WHEREAS, Global Concept Charter School is in a community where everyone lives and learns together and has individual rights and responsibilities. Global Concepts Charter School is committed to providing a safe and orderly educational environment, supplying each child an opportunity to grow academically, increase self-esteem, build their physical and mental health and develop an appreciation for the arts; and

WHEREAS, opening its doors in 2010, Global Concept Charter School is a college preparatory school that assists it's students in meeting and exceeding the State standards through their innovative academic curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Lackawanna native Ruben Santiago-Hudson serves as an inspiration to the students that make use of the art studio, Black Box Theater and film/media production computer lab provided by the recent Fine Arts Center, the Center will be named in honor of his career in the fine arts; and

WHEREAS, Global Concept Charter School will host its first annual gala on Friday, May 8, 2015 at the WNED Studios in Downtown Buffalo, the event will feature a student art exhibit, silent auction and performances by the Theatre Department, Chorus and Jazz Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary event will honor the Global Concept Charter School mission, students, and the community in which it serves, the event will also celebrate the establishment of the Ruben Santiago-Hudson Fine Arts Center and highlight the career of Mr. Santiago-Hudson and of the guest speaker Mrs. Phylicia Rashad.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pause in its deliberations to recognize, honor, and congratulate Global Concepts Charter School for establishing the Fine Arts Center in honor of Erie County native Ruben Santiago-Hudson and welcome Mrs. Phylicia Rashad to the area.